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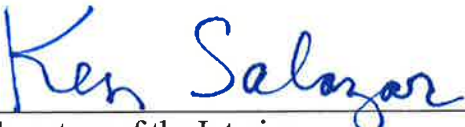
**Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee
Charter**

1. **DESIGNATION.** The official designation of the committee is the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee (Committee).
2. **AUTHORITY.** This is an Agency Federal advisory committee established under Section 5 of Public Law 106-299, October 13, 2000, and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2.
3. **OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES.** The purpose of the Committee is to assist in the development of the comprehensive management plan for the Wekiva River System and provide advice to the Secretary in carrying out the management responsibilities of the Secretary under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274).
4. **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES.** The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. It does not have regulatory or land acquisition authority.
5. **AGENCY OR OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The Committee will report to the Secretary through the Designated Federal Officer.
6. **SUPPORT.** The National Park Service will provide administrative and logistical support for the Committee.
7. **ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS AND STAFF YEARS.** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions are estimated to be \$100,000, including all direct and indirect expenses and .25 of a work year of support.
8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER.** The Committee reports to the Secretary through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO to whom the Committee reports will be the Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, Atlanta, Georgia. The DFO or the DFO designee or alternate DFO(s) will be full-time or permanent part-time Federal employees, and will approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the advisory committee reports.
9. **ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.** The Committee will meet approximately four times a year.
10. **DURATION.** The Committee is expected to exist into the foreseeable future, concurrent with the designation of the Wekiva River as a Wild and Scenic River.

11. **TERMINATION.** The Committee is subject to the provisions of the FACA and may take no action unless the charter filing requirement of Sections 9 and 14(b) of the Act have been complied with. The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date this charter is filed, unless, prior to that time, the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA. If a determination is made that the Committee is no longer necessary, the Agency will terminate the Committee as of the date of such determination.
12. **MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION.**
 - a. The Committee is composed of 18 or more members representing each of the following agencies or organizations. Each agency or organization will appoint one member and one alternate:
 - 1) The Department of the Interior, represented by the Director of the National Park Service or the Director's designee;
 - 2) The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, representing the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council's interests;
 - 3) The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks' interests;
 - 4) The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve, representing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve's interests;
 - 5) The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service, Division of Forestry, Seminole State Forest, representing the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service, Division of Forestry, Seminole State Forest's interests;
 - 6) The Florida Audubon Society, representing the Florida Audubon Society's interests;
 - 7) Friends of Wekiva's interests;
 - 8) The Lake County Water Authority, representing the Lake County Water Authority's interests;
 - 9) The Lake County Planning Department, representing the Lake County Planning Department's interests;
 - 10) The Orange County Parks and Recreation Department, Kelly Park, representing the Orange County Parks and Recreation Department, Kelly Park's interests;
 - 11) The Seminole County Planning Department, representing the Seminole County Planning Department's interests;
 - 12) The St. Johns River Water Management District, representing the St. Johns River Water Management District's interests;

- 13) The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, representing the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's interests;
 - 14) The City of Altamonte Springs, representing the City of Altamonte Springs' interests;
 - 15) The City of Longwood, representing the City of Longwood's interests;
 - 16) The City of Apopka, representing the City of Apopka's interests;
 - 17) The Florida Farm Bureau Federation, representing the Florida Farm Bureau Federation's interests;
 - 18) The Florida Forestry Association, representing the Florida Forestry Association's interests; and
 - 19) The Nature Conservancy, representing The Nature Conservancy's interests.
- b. The nonprofit organization known as the Friends of the Wekiva, representing the The Committee, by unanimous consent, may recommend to the Secretary that other interested parties be added to the Committee. If such recommendations are approved by the Secretary, such parties will be added to the Committee.
- c. Representatives and alternates to the Committee will be appointed as follows:
- 1) State agency representatives, by the head of the agency;
 - 2) County representatives, by the Boards of County Commissioners;
 - 3) Water management district, by the Governing Board;
 - 4) Department of the Interior representative, by the Southeast Regional Director, National Park Service;
 - 5) East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, by the Governing Board; and
 - 6) Other organizations, by the Southeast Regional Director, National Park Service.
- d. Members will be appointed for staggered 4-year terms. If no new member is appointed on or prior to the expiration date of an incumbent's term, the incumbent member may continue to serve until the new appointment is made. Any vacancy on the Committee will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. All members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary.
- e. Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members who are engaged in Committee business approved by the (DFO) may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence.

- f. Members are representatives of specific agencies and organizations. Additional appointment designations will be made in consultation with the Departmental Ethics Office.
 - g. Additional necessary Committee procedures will be developed as a part of the comprehensive management plan.
13. **ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS.** No committee or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest.
14. **SUBCOMMITTEES.** The Agency may establish subcommittees or workgroups as it deems necessary or upon recommendation of the Committee or its chair, for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees or workgroups shall not conduct business independent of the Committee and must report their recommendations to the full Committee for consideration and not directly to the Agency. The Committee Chair, with the approval of the DFO, will appoint subcommittee or workgroup members from the parent committee. The DFO will invite non-committee members to participate on subcommittees or workgroups and can do so in consultation with the Chair or Committee. Subcommittees or workgroups will meet as necessary to accomplish assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.
15. **RECORDKEEPING.** The records of the Committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, U.S.C. 552.

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